Recommendations of Group of Ministers on rural and urban housing

896. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a Group of Ministers to consider various issues pertaining to rural and urban housing and come up with specific action plans especially when the housing is considered to be the main theme of developing economy;

(b) if so, the recommendations of the Group; and

(c) by when these recommendations would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No formal Group of Ministers has been constituted by the Government for this purpose.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Investment under mega cities scheme

897. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleassed to state:

(a) the total investment made till March, 2001 under the mega cities scheme introduced in 1990;

(b) the total number of schemes taken up and the number completed, city-wise;

(c) how many of them are remunerative and how many are cost subsidized; and

(d) the investment of the respective States in percentage and how much loan amount will be incurred on all these scheme taken from financial institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA):

(a) The Mega City Scheme was introduced in the year 1993-94 was applicable to the cities having population of 40 lakhs and above as per 1991 census, As on 31.3.2001 a total sum of Rs. 1641.41 crores has been incurred by the five cities namely Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad and Bangalore.